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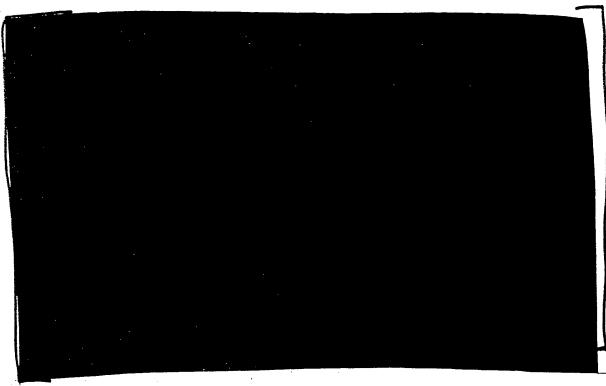
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CANADA/INDIA: The recently initialed agreement on nuclear aid, if ratified, will commit India to refrain from testing for over a year. Some officials in Ottawa expect difficulties, however, in securing Canadian ratification.

Under the agreement, Canada will resume its aid to the Rajasthan Nuclear Power Project, suspended after India detonated its first nuclear device in 1974. The project is to be completed within 15 months of the agreement's ratification, and India has agreed not to test during this time. The

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Indians also accepted Canada's safeguards requirements on the Rajasthan reactors and agreed orally not to export explosive material or technology.

India apparently does intend to test again and may well do so after the 15 months elapse, or earlier if the agreement is not ratified. The head of the Indian Department of Atomic Energy recently revealed that India has been conducting site surveys in preparation for a second test.

